

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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## PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT FOR COUNTY HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET STUDY

Town Hall Meetings Scheduled on April 18 to Hear Opinions, Concerns

The San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) is soliciting public and professional input for a San Diego County Healthcare Safety Net study.

The study will determine existing needs, project future healthcare demand and determine resources required to meet healthcare needs. A series of six town hall meetings for healthcare professionals and the public has been organized throughout the county during April, with two final meetings scheduled at Balboa Park and in South County on Tuesday, April 18.

"We must ensure that San Diego continues to have a viable safety net, with an ample supply of hospital beds and trauma centers in areas where they will be needed most," said Supervisor Ron Roberts. "This healthcare assessment will help us achieve this goal."

The healthcare safety net includes providers who give services to those who are uninsured, on Medicaid, or are otherwise vulnerable. The San Diego town hall meeting will take place:

Tuesday, April 18, 1 – 3 p.m., Recital Hall, Balboa Park, 2130 Pan American Plaza, San
Diego

Four meetings have taken place in the East, South and North County regions.

For information, call (619) 388-2888, or visit the project website at <a href="www.abarisgroup.com">www.abarisgroup.com</a>, and click on "Project Sites."

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